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**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR § 1.136(a))**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

This is a petition for an extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated February 8, 2005 for a period of two month(s).

Please charge the \$450.00 fee to our American Express card. A Credit Card Payment Form is attached.

**Large entity - Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.** The Commissioner is authorized to charge any required fees **not covered by this credit card payment** or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number 50-3123. (A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.)

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